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Dear Parents/Carers

**Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Parkway Centre**

I wrote to you on Monday to explain that a pupil received a positive COVID test result, but in accordance with PHE guidance, there wasn't any need for self-isolation. We have subsequently received another positive result this morning and have taken the decision to ask all staff and pupils who have been identified as being in the Parkway bubble to self-isolate for 14 days.

Day 1 of isolation starts on the day after onset of symptoms or the positive test date (whichever is earlier), and in this case, this is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Your child is therefore expected to complete their isolation at home from today and return to school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. If your child is on school transport, this will recommence on this date.

In accordance with guidance, other household members do not need to self-isolate unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

Please may I remind you of the most common symptoms of COVID-19; these are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. Please also inform us by emailing Louise Thomas at [thomasl@jamesbrindley.org.uk](mailto:thomasl@jamesbrindley.org.uk). At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Can I please also draw your attention to the guidance from the DfE below.

*DfE Guidance for full opening: Schools, Updated 22nd October 2020*

*'If someone who is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.'*

Even if your child receives a negative COVID result, they are still expected to complete their 14-day isolation period at home.

**Upon reopening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, if your child needs to be tested for coronavirus (Covid-19) they must not return to school, even if they feel better, until the negative test result has been received; this is in line with Government guidance - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/>:**

A negative result means the test did not find coronavirus.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

It is our intention for most lessons to be delivered live at the timetabled time from tomorrow. Louise Thomas, Centre Leader, will send further communication to you today about the plans for the forthcoming week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep everyone within our school community safe.

Yours faithfully



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**Vice Principal – Head of Parkway, Northfield and Dovedale Centres**